



Please RSVP to the Church Office by Wednesday, January 22.



**Saturday–Monday, February 15–17**

Middle and high school students are invited to travel to Camp Geneva in Lake Geneva, WI for a time to get away together. Come worship, tube, play broomball, and chill.

Register by February 3 at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org). Cost is \$175.



## Gary United Methodist Church

224 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL

[www.garychurch.org](http://www.garychurch.org)

Sun., Jan. 12, 2020

### Gary Church in Mission

**Radical Time Out (RTO):** Gather your group or sign up on your own to help prepare the meal on Thurs., Feb. 13 for this organization that serves the previously incarcerated and families of those currently in prison. Contact Sandy Koropp through the Church Office if you can help.

### Gary Kids and Gary Youth

**High School Sunday Nights:** Tonight and Jan. 19, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. On Jan. 26, we will gather in the Gaul's home to share a meal, 7–8:30 p.m.

**Gary Youth Midweek:** Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. All middle school students are invited to this weekly gathering.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) & MOMSnext begins a new session:** Second and fourth Tuesdays starting Jan. 14, 9:15–11:15 a.m. in the Commons. Moms of all ages and stages of life are welcome—including those with grown children to serve as “mentor moms.” Childcare is offered for children 6 weeks–Kindergarten during the meetings. Advance registration is required. See the MOPS page at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) or contact the Church Office.

**Parent's Night Out:** Fri., Jan. 17, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Drop off your children at Gary and enjoy a night out while the kids enjoy supervised play with their church friends. Parent's Night Out is open to children ages 6 months–grade 3. Reservations are required through Gary's Church Office and a donation of \$5 per child is suggested.

**4th & 5th Grade Fellowship:** Fri., Jan. 24, 7–9 p.m. Come for a night of fun with your fourth and fifth grade friends at Lombard Roller Rink. We will meet at and return to Gary. Cost: \$10. Please RSVP through the Church Office by Wed., Jan. 22.

**Gary Youth Summer Mission Trip** to the Dominican Republic: July 10–18. We are partnering with Christ in Youth's Engage international program for this trip that is open to all students who will have completed their freshman year of high school. Registration deadline is Sat., Feb. 1. See [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) for more information.

**Registration is open** for Gary Youth summer camps. See the Gary Youth page at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org).

## Please Note

**2020 Lenten E-Devotional:** This compilation of reflections, submitted by our church family, is delivered to your email inbox each day of Lent, which begins on Wed., Feb. 26. Contributors are invited to choose a scripture passage and reflect on it, either in writing or through art. Register to contribute by Sun., Jan. 26 at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org) or through the Church Office. Then submit your devotional by Wed., Feb. 5, to [kaustin@garychurch.org](mailto:kaustin@garychurch.org).

**Update from the Task Force on Gary Church, United Methodism, and Human Sexuality:** A clarification of the recently released proposal titled "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation," along with a list of opportunities for further education and discussion, is available at [garychurch.org](http://garychurch.org). To learn more, you can watch a live stream panel discussion with the members of the mediation team on Mon., Jan. 13, 8:30 a.m. in the Anderson Room.

**Attend a Concert at Wheaton College with Church Friends!** Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* with conductor Jerry Blackstone, Wheaton College Choirs, organist Nicole Simental, Gaudete Brass, and the composer Morten Lauridsen will be presented on Fri., Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. at Wheaton College's Edman Chapel. We have purchased a group of tickets at a cost of \$22.50 each and have 9 left. Contact the Church Office if you would like to purchase any of them.

## Upcoming Opportunities

**Potluck Luncheon:** Thurs., Jan. 16, 12 p.m. in the Commons. Come share a meal and connect with friends. Just bring \$2 and a dish to pass. Main dish (ham) is provided.

**Fourth Friday Game Night:** Fri., Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m. in the Commons. Join adults of all ages for an evening of bridge, dominoes, Scrabble, friends, and fellowship.

**Aurora District Training:** Sat., Jan. 25, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at Grace UMC, 300 Gartner Rd., Naperville. This day of learning, conversation, and reflection is open to all lay leaders. Register at [umcnic.org/calendar/aurora-district-training-event](http://umcnic.org/calendar/aurora-district-training-event) by Wed., Jan. 15.

**Lunchtime Literary Group:** Tues., Jan. 28, 12 p.m. in the Anderson Room. Pack a lunch and join us to discuss *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee.

**Beautifully Broken Film:** Sat., Feb. 1, 6 p.m., at Winfield Community UMC. This film, sponsored by Compassion International, tells the stories of three families, two in Rwanda and one in the U.S, whose lives are miraculously linked together by God's providence. If you wish to do so, there will be an opportunity to sponsor a child.

## Burning Bush—An Outreach of Gary Church

**Now Showing:** *Themes from the African American Diaspora* through Sun., Jan. 26. This show features contemporary African American art from the collection of Sharon and Frank White. Join us for a reception on Fri., Jan. 17, 6–9 p.m.

For more information visit [www.garychurch.org](http://www.garychurch.org) or the Chimes newsletter.

## *This Is My Story.* THIS IS MY SONG

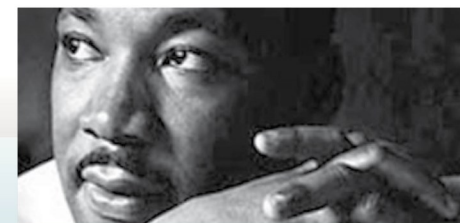
*Does a favorite hymn hold a special meaning for you?*

Perhaps a song is tied to a significant memory, or a point of growth. Maybe a hymn brought you peace at a difficult time.

We invite everyone to share your hymn stories in 100 words or fewer. Email submissions by January 15 to [office@garychurch.org](mailto:office@garychurch.org). Your stories will be published in the program for our music event on February 23.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual DuPage County Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 20  
6:30 p.m.  
in the Gary Sanctuary



- An opportunity for unity in a time of divisiveness as we remember Dr. King's leadership and commitment to equality
- A dynamic message from Rev. Dr. James Miller, Senior Pastor of DuPage AME Church, who offers a strong gospel word and a call for justice
- A call to action as we strive for the fulfillment of Dr. King's dream

Plan to be part of this important evening. Childcare will be available.